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Title:	Nitinol Ice Blades)	

Response under Rule 111

June 30, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action dated March 31, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

Argument

The Examiner has required that Applicant's Figs. 1-4 be labeled as Prior Art because "only that which is old is illustrated." Applicant respectfully traverses this requirement. Figs. 1-4 are identified in the Description of the Drawings as hockey skates having skate blades made of Nitinol. This is not prior art. Applicant is not going to label an embodiment of his invention as prior art. The conventional parts in Figs. 1 and 2 are the attachment structures 32 for engaging complementary